

Cotton Farmers' Meeting.

Secretary Parker, of the State Alliance, says that the conference of cotton farmers suggested in last week's Progressive Farmer, is meeting with the unqualified commendation of the best farmers of the State. They realize that unless something is done toward maintaining prices by the farmers themselves that the crop will not bring them the returns they hoped for at planting time. "There is safety in counsel" is an old proverb, and wise counsel always insures good results, so let the farmers attend this conference in goodly numbers. The date for the conference is Tuesday, August 2nd, at 5 p. m.

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The Blakeslee portable gasoline engines are becoming very popular for running shredders, threshers, cotton gins and all kinds of heavy farm machinery. A typical testimonial was that from Mr. John E. Shealey, of Little Mountain, S. C., published last week: "I am having the best success with my Blakeslee engine. It will pull a 70 saw gin and press with all ease, with no danger from fire. It's economy is wonderful, as I can run it on less gasoline than wood would cost, and besides no engineer or fireman is needed." Any Progressive Farmer reader interested would do well to write for descriptive catalog "G" to White-Blakeslee Mfg. Co., Birmingham, Ala.

The Cole Manufacturing Co., Charlotte, N. C., is again represented in our advertising columns, and we ask special attention to their request for reports from users of their machines. If you have ever had a Cole Planter, take time to write them a postal, telling frankly what you think of it. Please state also, for their information, that you read The Progressive Farmer.

The time to buy seed for fall sow is near at hand and we direct attention to the announcement of Francis Brill, Hempstead, Long Island, New York, and Diggs & Beadle, 1709 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Va. Mr. Brill is a pioneer grower of Long Island cabbage seed, and has built up a splendid reputation. Diggs & Beadle offer all kinds of turnip, grass, clover and garden seed. Write to both houses for catalogs and price lists.

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The Continental Plant Co., Kirtrell, N. C., sell fruit trees, grape vines, strawberry plants, etc., direct to consumer; you have agents' profits. Write for catalog, mentioning The Progressive Farmer. Both Mr. O. W. Blacknall, of this company, and Mr. W. J. Shuford, of the Hickory Milling Co., are frequent contributors to The Progressive Farmer and are well known to our readers.

President R. W. Scott.

Mr. R. W. Scott, President of the Farmers' State Convention now in session near Raleigh, is one of the most popular and progressive farmers in North Carolina. Our readers will doubtless recall his story of "How I Built Up a Worn-out Farm" published in The Progressive Farmer last summer, and the business-like methods by which he has won success



in his chosen profession. In view of his presiding over the Convention, we have asked Mr. Scott for a brief sketch of his life, believing it would be of interest to our farmer readers.

Mr. Scott is now 43 years old, having been born July 24, 1861. "My love for my old home was such," he says, "that I was not satisfied when even at school, and I longed to get back, and from my earliest childhood I had determined to be a farmer. My people, too, encouraged me in my efforts, but I was strongly advised against such a course by one of the leading educators at that time, and was told I was simply throwing away my life. After spending a few years at Bingham School, and one year at Chapel Hill, I came home to take charge of the farm, the condition of which, and what I have done, and am trying to do, being set forth in my paper read before the Farmers' Convention last year. I was seventeen years old at this time; my father had died when I was nine years old. I went to Houghton Farm, New York, and spent about six months. This farm was under the management of Maj. H. E. Alvord, now Chief of the Dairying Division at Washington. I got much benefit from this trip in many ways. I got ideas of what a farm ought to be and determined I would make mine the equal to any of them, and came home full of hope and strong in the belief that our people did not appreciate their advantages here. I married when twenty-one years old, and my wife (who was a Miss Hughes) was eighteen years old. We have had eleven children, and nine are now living—six boys and three girls." Mr. Scott's oldest son is now taking the agricultural course at the A. & M. College in Raleigh.

Mr. Scott says he has never been fond of politics, but his people nevertheless have four times chosen him to represent them in the State Legislature. He was in the last House, and his speech in behalf of the appropriation for the Agricultural Building at the A. & M. College was one of the most notable features of the session.

Here is a good example for our young men: A young man who trained himself for farming, believes in it, practices the best methods, and has won not only a good profit for his labor, but "health, happiness and contentment" as well. It is a story the farm boy with an itching for the city would do well to study.

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